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1. New classes will be called up for service in the Czech army between June and November 1951. Extensive maneuvers are to be held in the border area near Karlovy Vary during August 1951 in which armored units, specialist and sharp-shooter units are to participate. Much of this area has already been evacuated in preparation for the maneuvers. Parachute training courses of five months duration will be given soon in all cities for youths from 15 to 20 years old.
2. The Soviet commission which has been in Czechoslovakia to inspect the Czech railroads has returned to the USSR. A subsequent purge of Czech railroad officials was instituted by Minister of National Security Ladislav Kopriva because of the resistance of Czech workers to the changes recommended by the Soviet commission. Josef Frank was among the officials purged.
3. The Czechoslovak government has published a blacklist of foreign firms and representatives with whom Czech trade companies are forbidden to deal. This list includes all the personnel of the United States Embassy and the Yugoslav legation and the commercial attaches of Finland, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, France and Egypt.*
4. The production of the Czech radio industry for 1951 is estimated at 300,000 units. The production norm for 1952 calls for an increase of 200,000 units, of which about 100,000 will be for military use.
5. A large internment camp with a capacity of 15,000 and 20,000 persons is under construction near Cerna nad Tisou. A new plant under construction in Trebiv (050/190) will manufacture instruments for submarines.

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